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PLAN FOR PRODUCTION AGRICULTURE

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Dear Sir:

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All of the references contained in this Information Disclosure Statement were previously cited in the Office Action dated February 2, 2003 and were cited in a counterpart International Application No. PCT/US01/26051, International Preliminary Examination Report dated May 7, 2004. The cited references include:

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,897,619
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,058,351
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Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement merely to disclose the enclosed International Preliminary Examination Report dated May 7, 2004.

Respectfully,

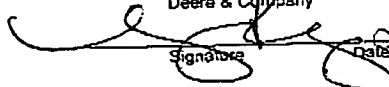

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